

HONGKONG SHARE MARKET.

In his weekly share report dated Hongkong, 31st March, Mr G. H. Potts writes:—The past week has been of a very lively one with a steady demand all round. The certificate for the new loan to be put on the market in London on the 31st instant at 98½ will go off like wild fire and be applied for many times over, and the vague talk of a new railway loan to be financed by the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank has put that bank in a position to receive a very large order for time good demand again; the improvement being reflected in Nationals which have advanced in sympathy. Fire Insurance stock has jumped again with the doctation of the Local Companies to further increase their tariff rates in conjunction with the Home Office. Others Freehold Mines, Limited, have been added to my list of stocks under the heading of Mining.

Banks.—A large business has been done Hongkong and Shanghai Bank shares at rates between 187 and 191 per cent premium, the market closing quietly at 190 per cent premium. On time a good many transactions have taken place principally for the £500,000 debenture at 194, 196 and 198 per cent premium. The London quotation is at 151½/-, Nationals have continued in demand and sales at 131 and 132 have been effected, the market closing firm with buyers at 131. Founders are wanted at 1115 but no appearance has been made.

Marine Insurance.—Unions are steady at 210. China Traders continue on offer at 178½. Yangtze has improved considerably and in the North sales are reported at 147. Straits have been placed at 126 and are offering at the rate.

Insurance.—Hongkong Fire has advanced to 1340 with only a few sales to report at intermediates rates. China Firms have also been placed at 134, 135 and 136 and are still in demand. The cause for the added enquiry is owing to all the Insurance Companies represented here, agreeing to a general increase of rates on 1st April. The Shipping.—Hongkong, Canton and Macao companies have improved still further and sales have been made at 133½ and 133½ and now that the opening of the West River is almost an accomplished fact, a further advance is probable. Indo-China remains steady at 137. Ceylon and Java have been sold at 135 ex the dividend of 5 per share sold on the 30th instant. Douglas Steamships are unchanged at 152.

Refineries.—China Sugars have weakened slightly and sales at 1127 and 1126 have been effected. One is quoted at 109 ex dividend of 15 per share. The latter has been more buyers than sellers, and as the prospects of the Company, according to the Chairman's speech, appear so much brighter, a steady rise may be looked for.

Mining.—Yungchow has continued on the advance at rates between 138 and 142. The New Central has been placed at 140, the receipt of a wire from the Mine stating that the probable output for this month will be 100,000 ounces of gold. The Preference shares have been sold at 1240. New Balmoral as being a drug in the market at 1180 and sales have been sold at 124 and 2,80, and sales at 137 and 137½. The latter price is presumably owing to the receipt of a telegram from London stating that the prospects of selling the Company to the London Syndicate are progressing favourably.

Telegraphs.—These have been placed at 13 and are declared of a dividend of 15 per share has been taken at 134 and 134½ and 134½ and 134½ at both of which sales have been effected. Others Freehold Mines are also in demand at par, but holders refuse to part unless at a considerable advance.

Docks, Wharves and Godowns.—Hongkong and Whampoa Docks have again improved and sales have taken place at 170, 171, 172, 173 and 176 per cent premium. The Kowloon Wharf shares have changed hands at 147 and 147½ and are firm at the latter rate.

Hotels, Hotels and Buildings.—Hongkong Land Investment shares have been fixed at 178 and 173. Kowloon Land has been placed at 118. West Point have been taken off the market at 118. Hongkong Hotels have been fixed at 124½. Hamphrey's Estate have been sold at 131 and are offering at the rate.

Miscellaneous.—Green Islands are weak at 1165 with no business to report. H. G. & Co. are asking 114. A. S. Walters have been placed to a considerable extent at 113. Hongkong Electric have been sold at 17, 10. Kowloon have changed hand at 110. Fenwick have ruled very firm and have recovered their dividend sales at 123½, 124, 124½ and 124½ having been effected. Dairy Farms are quoted for at 13.

Persons changes have attracted much local attention this spring, writes the Tientsin correspondent of the N. China News. Mr Dobring, it is understood, will leave about two years' leave beginning next month and will be attached to Li Lung-tung's embassy while it is in Germany. Mr P. Montgomery goes to Moscow as Deputy Commissioner to the Legation and Mr Aglen to the new Port. And Mr von Tancor has been asked to replace Mr von Grot. In all these positions Tientsin loses keen sports and enthusiastic horsemen. Mr Perry replaces Mr von Tancor, and Mr Aglen is temporarily here (from Peking) to assist the greatly reduced staff in addition to these official changes a very large number of old residents are going home on furlough this year, but a still greater number of new comers have arrived.

Uncle Hays.—Member the Hawkins boys who ran away to join a theatre company? Aunt Martha—Why, yes! What about now? Uncle Hays (quietly)—They're walked back.

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Barometer ...	29.89	30.03	30.00
Temperature ...	85	93	91
Humidity ...	68	67	64
Direction of Wind ...	3	2	2
Force ...	3	4	4
Weather ...	o	od	od

Lowest open air temperature on the 31st... 12
Lowest open air temperature on the 31st... 10

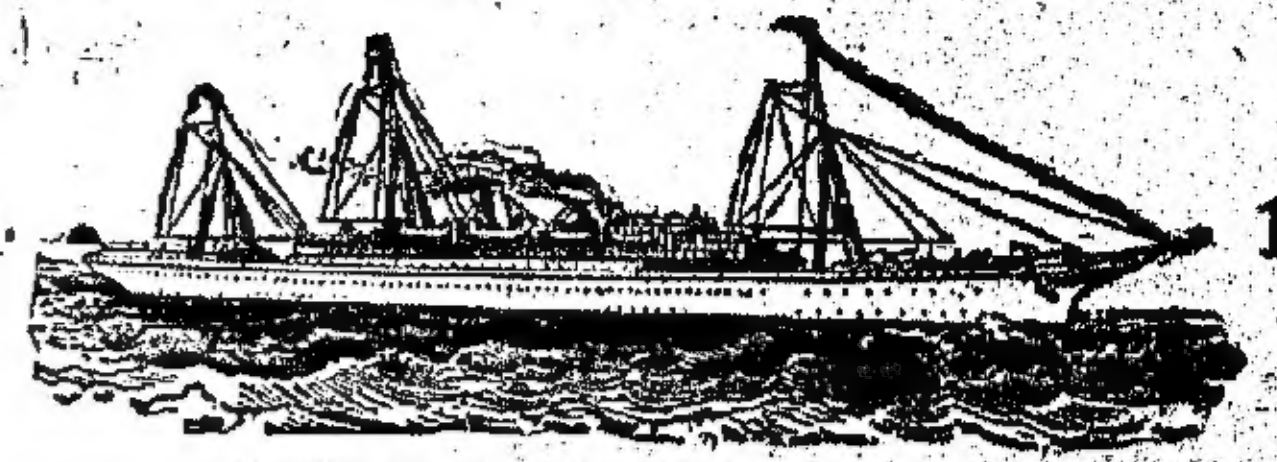
F. G. FROG,
First Assistant,
Hongkong Observatory, April 1, 1896.

Temperature.
(Taken at Messrs. Fawcett & Co.'s
Premises, Queen's Road.)
Hongkong, April 1, 1896.

Barometer ...	8 a.m.	29.90
Do. ...	1 p.m.	29.94
Do. ...	4 p.m.	29.89
Thermometer ...	8 a.m.	70
Do. ...	1 p.m.	70
Do. (Wet bulb) ...	8 a.m.	67
Do. ...	1 p.m.	67
Do. ...	4 p.m.	68
Do. Maximum ...	4 p.m.	70

Mails.

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Subscribed Capital.....	£2,750,000.0.0
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Fire Funds.....	£2,410,992.7.3
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Hawaii (Sandwich Islands).

British India (including Burmah and the Agencies of the Indian Post Office in the Persian Gulf).

Japan Ports (Yokohama, Osaka, Kobe, Kioto, Yokohama and Hakodate).

New South Wales.

New Zealand.

British North Borneo.

Queensland.

Siam (Bangkok only).

South Australia.

Straits Settlements (Singapore, Penang and Malacca).

Tasmania.

United Kingdom.

Victoria.

United States of America.

DAWN THROUGH LONDON OFFICE.

Foreign Countries:—

Austria-Hungary.

Belgium.

Bulgaria.

Chili.

Denmark (including Iceland and Faeroe Islands).

East West Indies.

Egypt.

France, with Algeria.

German Empire (including Heligoland and the Cameroons).

Holland.

Italy (with Agencies at Tripoli, Assab and Massowah).

Norway.

Orange Free States.

Portugal (including Madeira and the Azores).

Roumania.

Sweden.

Switzerland.

Transvaal.

Tunis.

Foreign Cities and Towns:—

Constantinople.

Smyrna.

Adrianople.

Beirut.

British Colonies:—

Cyprus.

Falkland Islands.

Gibraltar.

Malta.

Newfoundland.

British Guiana.

British Honduras.

Cape Colony.

Gold Coast Colony.

Gambia.

Greenland.

Labrador.

Montserrat.

Nova Scotia.

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